NEWS OF THE DISTRICT

STROME.

Bulletin News Service.

S. P. Thompson has just returned from a trip to Hardisty and the country east of there to Provost.

G. Gau, of Daysland, shipped a car of choice hogs to Calgary from here Wednesday.

W. T. Phipps is moving his stock into his new store on Royal Street today.

Mesrs. M. Regan & Son, recently purchased a fine driving team.

Axel Roger Sherdahl, of Tinchebray, spent a couple of days in town and purchased from G. T. Kidd a fine Belgian stallion.

Allen McDonald and Miss McLean were united in marriage Tuesday at Spring Lake, and returned to Strome in the evening. They will reside on Mr. McDonald's farm just west of Strome.

J. A. McCullough and Miss McLaughlin were married Tuesday at Spring Lake and will make their future home on their farm near Strome.

Carl Schneider, of Flagstaff, spent Monday in Strome, He purchased a fine Percheron stallion from G. T. Kidd.

Miss Eastwood spent Sunday with friends in Daysland.

W. A. Cottingham and W. H. Gordon, of Daysland, were doing business here last Wednesday.

O. J. Lucas, of Latham, Ill., spent a few days here last week. He has also had an engine and plowing outfit shipped in and is arranging to have his section broken and put into fall wheat.

A large number of the farmers of this district have their wheat sown.

It is understood that the committee of the Farmers' Elevator Company have disposed of about the required amount of stock to complete their elevator, but in order to give all the farmers in the district an opportunity to invest in this elevator they have capitalized their company at about three times the required amount.

H. B. Clanahan spent Sunday in Killam.

Rev. Mr. Dallas, of Toronto University, occupied the pulpit of the Presbyterian church last Sunday.

Strome, April 21st.

HAZEL BLUFFS.

Bulletin News Service.

Renton & Brickman have purchased from the local improvement association, township 60, range 1, two miles of timber on the road allowance, between sections 8 and 17 and 9 and 16. The logs will be sawed into lumber this spring.

Miss Elizabeth Stanton, formerly of Newboro, Ont., has come to Pembina to make her home with her brother, G. E. Stanton.

A. B. Bell and Jos. Dowling are among those who have erected new buildings this spring.

Mrs. C. E. Hall went to Edmonton this week, where she will make homestead entry for her brother, Robert J. McFate, who lives in Michigan.

Robert J. Wheatley returned from Edmonton this week.

Miss Jean Telfer, who is attending school in Edmonton, spent a few days with her mother the past week.

T. Conger, who has been in the employ of Renton & Brickman for some time past in the capacity of scaler and bookkeeper, has resigned.

W. Wiedrick, of Clyde, was in Hazel Bluffs this week looking after the interests of his business here.

Mrs. C. E. Leake was painfully injured this week by being kicked by a horee. She is in a precarious condition.

Murray Grierson, of Strathcona, who has been out here for some time past visiting at the home of J. Graveston, has returned home.

Considerable comment is heard upon the line being surveyed by the C.N.R. surveyors north of Morinville. It is rumored that there is to be a townsite near here.

Complete mail service from the Hazel Bluffs post office started on Saturday, April 17.

Still Pembina mail comes "Try Pembina" directed Entwhistle, and from Edmonton parties, too.

James Renton returned from Strathcona this week.

Robert M. Whyte is on the sick list this week.

It is reported that work on the base line road is to start in earnest soon, and that drains, culverts and grading will be pushed to the Pembina River this summer.

O. Guest was an Edmonton visitor this week.

Mrs. B. W. Allen is suffering from an attack of sciatic rheumatism.

Robert Weir, who has been a patient at the Misericordia Hospital, Edmonton, returned this week.

Timber Inspector Cameron came to Pembina the fore part of the week and seized a winter's cut of logs, no permit having been issued for same. We have been told the contractor is Mr. T. E. Powell.

Hazel Bluffs, Pembina, April 17.

FORT SASKATCHEWAN.

Bulletin News Service.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Green were visitors to the capital on Monday.

Professor Alexander, of Strathcona university, is to give a lecture here on Friday evening in the town hall. His subject will be "Jeremiah Benson."

The Curling club have issued invitations for their first ball, to be held in the opera house on Friday evening.

W. H. White, M.P., has purchased Mr. Fetterley's house on Timms street and will take possession at once, Mr. Fetterley having bought the property on Ross street belonging to E. Simmons.

Mrs. James Henderson, of Edmonton, was a visitor in the Fort Wednesday.

Mrs. Fetherstonhaugh, of Edmonton, was a visitor here on Wednesday.

On Sunday evening last at the home of Mr. Hennig, Beaver Hills, there occurred the death of Mrs. Jacob Thomas, an old resident of that district. Deceased had been ailing for some time and her death was not unexpected. Mrs. Thomas was predeceased by her husband some four or five years ago, and was 79 years of age. She leaves one daughter, Mrs. A. Rippell, and one son, Mr. Frank Thomas, to mourn her loss, besides a number of other relatives. The funeral took place on Tuesday to the Reformed German church cemetery, and was conducted by Rev. Mr. Heineman. There was a large attendance.

Rev. Canon d'Easum, of Calgary, is renewing old acquaintances in the Fort.

Messrs. Oscar and John Bawden, of Edmonton, are guests in the Fort this week.

On Wednesday at noon in St. George's church, the marriage took place of Sergeant Major Emery, R.N.W.M.P., to Miss C. H. Fetherstonhaugh. The little church was nicely decorated for the occasion. At the appointed hour the bride entered leaning on the arm of her brother, Mr. Frank Fetherstonhaugh. Miss de Bellefeuille was bridesmaid and Mr. Miller, R.N.W.M.P., supported the groom. The bride was handsomely dressed in cream lace over cream duchesse satin, made princess en traine, with hat to match. The bridesmaid wore cream muslin. Earl Fetherstonhaugh, nephew of the bride, made a nice little page, and little Miss Verna Green a charming flower girl. Rev. Canon d'Easum, of Hillhurst, Calgary, performed the ceremony, Rev. H. H. Wilkinson, pastor of the church, assisting. After the ceremony the bridal party left the church to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, and repaired to the home of Mr. D. Green, where a recherche luncheon was served. Mr. and Mrs. Emery left on the afternoon local for the capital and other points of interest.

Fort Saskatchewan, April 21.

VEGREVILLE.

Bulletin News Service.

There was a sitting of the District Court held here before His Honor Judge H. C. Taylor. The docket consisted of three criminal cases. W. A. D. Lees, of Fort Saskatchewan, crown prosecutor, conducted the cases for the crown.

The first case was a case of indecent assault preferred by one Rosalie Cardinal against Austin Cardinal both of Trout Lake. The parties are Breeds. There was no evidence that any assault had been committed and accordingly the accused was accquitted. John Borwick was interpreter. H. H. Robertson appeared for the accused.

The case against Billy Lonk, alias Argos, charged with horse stealing was the next on the docket. The accused is a 15 year-old breed. On the 3rd of March last this boy came to Mundare with a horse he offered for sale at $55. Later on he offered him to J. D. McAllister for $10.00 and a suit of clothes. The clothes were chosen and tied up and while the proprietor was out the lad took the clothes and put them on. Later in the day he was arrested by the town constable for stealing a watch from the office of Ed. Walker, Mundare. Sergeant Lukey, R.N.W.M.P. was communicated with and he discovered that the owner of the horse was Ole Pederson, of Ross Creek. As the accused was not represented by a solicitor H. H. Robertson volunteered to act for him. On account of the boy's youth he was remanded until his Honor consulted the superintendent of the industrial school. He was found guilty of the charge.

The case against Elks vs Korpishyn was for shooting a horse. The parties live at Cash Lake near Saddle Lake. A man by the name of E. A. Nelson had a horse shot in the side last January. The Russian boy Elks Korpishyn, was arrested on suspicion and tried before magistrate Boileau at South Bend. In today's trial there was no new evidence that the boy did the shooting, and accordingly was acquitted. H. H. Robertson appeared for the accused. T. Kolmalyck was interpreter.

Vegreville is the distributing point for the new towns along the G.T.P. The lumber and building material that is used in the construction of the rapidly growing towns are being hauled from here. On Monday last no less than 23 loads of lumber left for one of those towns.

Mr. Decker, who has been mail carrier from Vegreville to Hurry, has resigned and intends to direct all his attention to his farm. J. McIntyre of Hurry, takes his place on the mail route. Mr. Decker was up today for the last trip initiating the new recruit.

Messrs. Peacock and Denham have sold the contents and fixtures of the bowling alley to F. Hume the owner of the building. Mr. Hume took possession Wednesday and will move his family to Vegreville if a vacant dwelling can be obtained. If not Mr. Hume will build.

Rev. C. D. Campbell, district secretary of the Alberta Auxiliary of the Canadian Bible society, lectured in the Baptist church on Monday evening on "A century of Bible society work." A branch society was formed the following officers being chosen: President, A. A. Harkness; vice-presidents, Frank Wilson and W. T. Clements; secretary, Dr. M. G. Connally; treasurer, J. H. McFarlane; committee, C. Gordon, H. S. Oats, J. Gould, A. M. Thompson and T. J. Cunningham.

Mrs. J. Mahaffey of Warwick, was taken to the sanitarium, Edmonton, on Tuesday. Before she had reached her destination a wire was received in Vegreville that her mother Mrs. Thompson of Lacombe, was seriously ill.

A meeting of the football enthusiasts was held Thursday for the purpose of organization. There was a good attendance, the following officers being elected: Hon. president, J. B. Holden, M.P.P.; Hon. vice-president, W. H. White, M.P.; president, Dr. M. G. Connolly; vice-president, H. McAllister, W. Cameron, Dr. C. W. Field, Chas. Gordon, W. P. Perkins, F. M. Hocking; secretary treasurer, H. S. Bruce, manager, H. R. Meredith; executive, H. Medland, T. Cannon, N. Worth. It was decided to hold a dance in the near future in aid of the team.

H. L. Cunningham was chosen as delegate to attend the Red Deer Convention on the 30th.

Vegreville, April 21.

ATHABASCA LANDING.

Bulletin News Service.

Wm. Biggs, fire guardian, of Fort McMurray, is in town. He came in by dog train, but will return with the transport when the river opens.

The new bell for the public school was placed in position last week and is proving very satisfactory, having a very good tone. This bell was purchased with the proceeds of the concert held last Christmas.

The semi-monthly mail service to Peace River Crossing will be commenced the first of next month. The Northern Transportation Company has the contract for carrying the mails in the future.

A very enthusiastic meeting of the Board of Trade was held last Tuesday evening. A petition to the Dominion government was passed, asking for a fire guardian to be stationed here, having as his patrol the country lying between here and Wabasca on the north and Little Slave river on the west. A resolution endorsing the Dominion government's naval policy was also passed.

W. Darling, government engineer, arrived in the village last Wednesday. Mr. Darling has since left for Lesser Slave river, where he will superintend the placing of the wing dams when the ice goes out.

Born: On Weddesday the 14th inst., to the wife of Mr. C. Johnston, twin daughters.

G. H. Callon of the Imperial Bank, was unfortunate enough to sprain his knee while playing football last Tuesday night. He will be laid up for several days yet.

Athabasca Landing, April 19.

WETASKIWIN.

Bulletin News Service.

Miss Blanche Brown and Miss Kate Burgar, of Edmonton, were guests at the manse for Easter.

Miss Kottmier spent the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Staplts, Stanley street.

Masters Reggie and Gordon Wilkins, who are attending Westward Ho college, Edmonton, spent the holidays with their parents. On Saturday afternoon Mrs. Wilkins etertained a few of their young friends at tea.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Felland died on the 10th inst.

The death occurred here on the 9th inst., of John Eberhart, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Roraff.

Miss Grace Spencer spent Easter in Sedgewick the guest of Mrs. H. Ballielliie.

Mrs. R. H. Mills, of Sedgewick, is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. E. Compton, Andras street.

Evangelist Greenwood is conducting services in Angus hall.

Mrs. Hugh Balsillie was a guest at the home of her father, W. H. Eggleston, the past week.

Nelson Legge, manager of the Merchants bank at Tofield spent the holidays in the city.

On Monday night a dance was given in Girling's parlors for the guests in the city.

Miss Heathcote was a visitor at the capital the past week.

On Wednesday evtning the members of Mr. Hughe's dacing class closed the season with a delightful dance. A few invitations were issued by Mr. Hughes and Mr. Webb to non-members.

Mrs. Taylor entertained at the tea hour on Friday in honor of Mrs. Mills of Sedgewick.

Mrs. Geo. Tauton arrived from St. Eleanore, P.E.I., on Saturday afternoon and is spending a few days with Mrs. Compton before joining her husbad at Sedgewick.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Rix are in the city visiting friends.

Miss Bailey arrived on Friday from Quebec to visit ber brother, C. C. Bailey.

Miss Slade, of the city office, spent Easter with her parents in Red Deer.

Mr. Millar, who has spent the winter in California, returned on Friday's train and left for his home at Edensville on Saturday.

Lee Kelly has purchased L. R. Rix's house on Minto street, now occupied by V. C. French.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Switzer is very ill with indigestion and little hope is entertaned for his recovery.

Mrs. N. W. Gould is very ill with hemorrhage of the stomach.

Miss McLeod, of Camrose, was a guest at the home of Rev. J. E. Hogg last week.

Mr. Burke and family, of Edmonton spent Easter at the home of L. E. Standefer. Mr. Burke was formerly manager of telephones here.

Miss Tofield, of Tofield, is visiting Mrs. R. L. Stidston, Dickson ave.

W. W. Sharp left Thursday for Stettler, where he has bought a gent's furnishings stock.

Excavations have been started for the foundations of a 50 foot addition to the Star store.

A petition has been circulated by the merchants of the city asking the council to pass a bylaw fixing the closing hour at six o'clock. The change will probably take effect the first of May.

P. Burns & Co. have moved into the building lately occupied by J. Gainer & Co., on Railway street west.

Wm. Dore was taken to the Scandinavian hospital on Wednesday and was operated on the same day for appendicitis. The operation was successful and the patient is progressing favorably.

A census of the different religious denominations is being taken this week.

Dave Ambler has moved to his ranch, 24 miles north of Lougheed, Alta.

Mr. Smith, of the engineering firm of Gait & Smith, Toronto, is here at work preparing preliminary plans in connection with the waterworks and sewerage systems to be constructed this summer.

Mrs. J. H. D. Benson and her sister, Miss Marjorie Campbell, returned Monday from a fortnight's visit in Edmonton.

Mrs. T. C. Rubbra was hostess at a delightful "bridge" on Tuesday. Cards were played at six tables. The prize, a lovely sword pin, was won by Mrs. Benson, the consolation going to Miss Tofield. Miss Annie Bearsto and Miss O'Brien assisted the hostess and her sister, Miss Legge, in serving tea. Those present were Mrs. West, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. McManus, Mrs. Compton, Mrs. Millar, Mrs. Bailey, Miss Bailey, Mrs. Benson, Miss Campbell, Mrs. Stidston, Miss Tofield, Mrs. Mills (Sedgewick), Mrs. Staples, Mrs. A. R. Dickson, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. McNamara, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Von Ifflland, Mrs. O'Brien, Mrs. Heni, Mrs. Miquelon, Mrs. Forbes, Mrs. Jackson.

Mrs. M. E. O'Brien entertained the bridge club at her home on Lorns street on Wednesday afternoon. The prize, a cut glass bon-bon dish, was won by Mrs. Harry Millar.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Rodell left Thursday morning for Nelson, B.C., and expect to be absent about two months.

The city council have appointed Elmer Campbell city scavenger and sanitary inspector. His duties in connection with the latter appointment will be a complete inspection of the city every two weeks and will enforce all bylaws pertaining to the public health.

A petition signed by nearly every merchant in the city has been presented to council asking that the early closing bylaw be changed from 6.30 to 6 p.m. This change will take effect May 3rd.

Wetaskiwin, April 22.

BRUCE.

Bulletin News Service.

Dr. Halladay's new drug store is a nice addition to Bruce.

Palmer & Bailey's sash and frame factory building is nearly completed, and they will soon be open for business.

George A. Barker made a business trip to Viking the first of the week and brought back the orders for a whole wagon load of signs for the business men of that place.

J. Clark returned last week from a trip through Minnesota.

Glaspie & Daily have finished the wel lthey were drilling at the W. J. Earl restaurant. It has brought an abundance of good water.

J. W. Waldie has his new house nearly finished and hopes to move into it next week.

Howard Wilson has been spending the past week at his old home near Vegreville.

The raffle for a quilt, given last Wednesday by the ladies for the benefit o fthe Bruce military band, was well attended and a good time enjoyed by all present. Thirty-five dollars was realized.

F. P. Cáe returned the first of last week from a visit among friends at Flint, Michigan.

A. Howard, of Howard Brothers, general merchants, made a business trip to Vegreville the first of the week.

At Decker has resigne dhis position as mail driver on the Bruce-Vegreville route. His place is to be taken by Mr. McIntyre.

Farmers are very busy these days, most of the mpreparing for their spring' swork. While some of them have already seeded large fields of wheat and oats.

George A. Fuller, general superintendent of the Empire Lumber Company, visited this place yesterday. These people intend to move their yard from its present site to the west side of this town, where they will build a splendi doffice and extensive sheds at once.

L. Mideroft, off Calgary, has the men here to do one hundred and fifty acres of breaking on his farm one and a half miles northwest of town, with a view of raising winter wheat.

Bruce, April 20th.

VERMILION.

Bulletin News Service.

D. Cameron returned from a business trip at Kilsocty on Monday.

Harry Bowtell was a visitotr at Edmonton this week.

A. E. Pilkie was a visitor at Vegreville on Tuesday.

S. Shaw, accompanied by his wife, left for Sault Ste Marie on Wednesday where they expect to remain during the summer.

Dan Wild, of Vegreville, is visiting in town this week.

A. Carmichael who has been a visitor inn Ontario during the winter, returned to town on Wednesday.

C. W. Speeis, Dominion colonization agent, was in town on Monday on his way to Wainwright to inspect the immigration hall recently erected at that point.

The annual vestry and congregational meeting of St. Saviors church was held Tuesday evening. The meeting was well attended and was one of the most satisfactory and successful yet held. The financial report was very encouraging and the work done by the incumbent Rev. W. E. Gilbert was especially worthy of commendation. The newly elected wardens and vestrymen are:

Wardens, C. V. Caesar, R. A. Pilkie.

Vestrymen, T. Brown, J. Gulland, C. West, W. Morgan, Dr. F. V. West, C. B. Waugh, J. Kennedy, H. M. Stewart, A. Eason, L. Woodward, A. Fox and S. R. P. Cooper.

Auditor, J. McPherson.

John Munn, buttermaker at the Vermilion creamery last year, has returned to town to take up his duties for the season.

On Wednesday last Mrs. J. Winters received the sad news of the death of her father, Mr. H. Armstrong, of Inistioge, of heart failure, while on a visit to his daughter, Mrs. E. M. McLean, Paris, Ont.

George Crisp who has been visiting friends in Ontario during the winter, returned to town on Wednesday.

M. G. Brimacombe retutned on Sunday from a two month's visit in the east. He spent some time in Toronto and Chicago and reports having had an enjoyable time.

At the council meeting in the town hall on Monday night the council decided to pay the members of the Fire Brigade 50 cents a practice and 50 cents an hour a fire.

Jas. Roseborough, died at his homestead west of town on Saturday evening last at the ripe old age of 79 years. Mr. Roseborough several weeks ago suffered a paralytic stroke and had gradually failed ever since. He is survived by a wife, four sons, J. A., A. W., S. H. and John, who reside here, and three daughters, Mrs. Rundle, Dundalk, Mrs. Gowan, St. Catherines, and Mrs. John Watson of Valley River, Man. The funeral was held on Monday from the Methodist church to the Vermilion cemetery and was largely attended. Rev. Mr. Aldridge conducted the services, assisted by Rev. W. Simons and Rev. Mr. Kempton. The late Mr. Roseborough came to Vermilion some four years ago from Sault Ste Marie, though his home was originally at Dundalk, Ont.

Vermilion, April 22.

WHERE DOES TAFT STAND?

His Acceptance of Aldrich Tariff Bill Places Him in Peculiar Position.

Washington, D.C., April 22—It has been announced on good authority that President Taft is satisfied with the Aldrich tariff bill as to the duties carried on the various schedules and the reductions that have been made from the Dingley law, although he is not so sanguine as Senator Aldrich that the bill will produce as much revenue as anticipated by Senator Aldrich. Many persons interested in the tariff and in the president are trying to figure out how this endorsement of the Aldrich bill by the president will square with his tariff principles as enunciated in his letter of acceptance when he wrote that the tariff should be adjusted to meet "The difference between the cost of production of such articles abroad and at home, including a reasonable profit, etc. The excess over that difference serves no useful purpose."

No Considerable Reductions.

Representative Oscar W. Underwood, of Alabama, one of the best posted men on tariff matters in Congress, says that the Aldrich bill makes no considerable reductions from the Dingley schedules either on the iron or steel schedules Many of the reductions carried in the Payne bill, especially in the chemical schedule have been advanced by the Aldrich bill to the Dingley rates. One of the most important schedules in the entire tariff is that on textiles. The Aldrich schedules on textiles range from 50 to 140 per cent. ad valorem duties.

The English manufacturer is the chief competitor of this country on textiles. The cost of production includes capitalization of plant, and labor. Experts of the department of commerce and labor, sent abroad by the House Ways and Means Committee, to investigate this question, reported that the cost of English labor in the textile mills was about 50 per cent. of the cost of labor in American mills. It was ascertained also that the cost of the English textile plant is about half the cost of the American plant of like productive capacity. The excessive cost of the American plant is due to the higher cost of materials and labor.

DEATH SENTENCE IN RUSSIA.

The Inhumanity of Its Administration is Almost Incredible.

St. Petersburg, April 22.—The Duma is committed to the interpellation of the Social Democrats on the methods of administrating the death penalty at Sebastopol. The interpellation is based on a letter written by M. Comtatidze, one of the deputies off the second Duma, who states that he has witnessed several executions since his commital to prison in May, 1908. Only a few of those executed were political prisoners. M. Comtatidze relates that the gallows are erected in the view of everybody, close to the prison hospital. Those condemned to death, who at present number 115, await their turn daily and nightily for months. The uncertainty has driven many of them to madness. The steps of workmen in the corridors at night produce intense agitation and cries of distress. Soldiers come with pillows to stifle the cries of the victims. The chains are stricken off and their hands and feet bound. Noisy ones are beaten and tortured into insensibility. Then they are carried to the place of execution. Often they are supported when the noose is attached, as they are unable to stand.

The hangman, when not occupied with his work, lives among the patients in the hospital. Among the cases, related by M. Comtatidze, may be singled out that of one prisoner who was executed while in an unconscious state and suffering from typhoid fever. M. Comtatidze is suffering from tuberculosis and is not expected to survive his sentence.

HEADQUARTERS IN IRELAND.

Conference Between Opposing Interests in Hibernian Order.

Dublin, April 22.—The conference of Mathew Cummings, national president of t heAncient Order of Hibernians of America, and Father P. H. O'Donnell, of Massachusetts, delegates from America, with representatives of two sections of the Order of Hibernians, was held privately yesterday, but ended late in the afternoon without result. The proceedings were protracted, the American delegates declining t make any statement at the conference. Joseph Devlin, member of parliament, in behalf of the board of Erin, issued a statement in which he said: "We believe that the centre of an organization, working for Ireland, ought to be located in Ireland, and not in America. Our national convention meeting on Irish soil continues to be the supreme authority to formulate a policy of organization."

Negroes Lose Benefactor.

St. John, N.B., April 21—Dr. A. B. Walker, perhaps the most prominent member of the negro race in New Brunswick, died at his home here today, aged 59. In his interesting career, he had been court stenographer, magazine editor and barrister, and three years ago launched a scheme for solving the negro problem of America by establishing in Africa a colony for negroes from this continent. He had lectured through parts of Canada and the United States seeking support for his project, but it never reached accomplishment.

King and Queen at Malta.

Malta, April 21.—King Edward and Queen Alexandra, accompanied by the Dowager Empress Marie of Russia, arrived today and are cruising in the Mediterranean.

S. H. BLAKE WIELDS PEN IN DEFENCE OF BIBLE

Review of Pamphlet in Which He Refers to Higher Criticism—Fears Drift of Thought May Bring in Reign of Anarchy and Lawlessness.

Hon. S. H. Blake, K.C., ardent churchman and Dean of the profession of law in Ontario, has written another pamphlet, and he calls it "The Knife of the High Critic; the Judgment of the Lord; the Burial of an Ass." A synopsis of this pamphlet has already been published in the Bulletin, and a further review of it follows. It is an attack on any and all kinds of higher criticism, and is occupied chiefly in quotation from "The Finality of the Christian Religion," a book by Prof. G. B. Foster of the University of Chicago, "which institution," Mr. Blake points out, "issues some of the theological text books in use in Canada." The pamphlet deals also with a work by Prof. John E. McFadyen of Knox College, Toronto, the chief fault found with which is that, although apparently antagonistic to certain forms of higher criticism, it offers a "totally inefficient antidote." Mr. Blake concludes with a reference to the infidelity that preceded the revolution in France, and intimates that the drift of religious thought in our country today threatens, too, to "bring on a reign of lawlessness and anarchy."

Referred to Missionary Congress.

The opening paragraphs refer to the recent Missionary Congress in Toronto and points out the place and the influence of the Bible in that movement. Mr. Blake asks, "What was the constraining power in the heart of each one of these vast assemblies which aroused them to a loving sense of duty to be performed?" And he answers his question. "The Bible." Question after question concerning the good in life and the commands of God, he answers with, "The Bible." The Bible he thus points out as the indispensable stimulant to good living, and asks, "can we give it up?"

"A Horrible Pit."

"I quote from Professor Foster, Mr. Blake characterized it as "a sample of the chilling, barren, amasculated gospel with which they would ask us to replace our splendid song of praise at Eastertide. "How marvellous," he continues, "is the darkness which prevents this writer from being able to see with Paul the vanity of our faith and hope if we cannot from the heart say, 'The third day he rose again from the grave.' The archcritic led our first parents to destruction by the statement, 'Ye shall not surely die.' His followers of today follow his example in, 'He did not surely rise from the grave.' With what thankfulness of heart should we join in the saying of our Lord. 'I thank Thee, O Father, Lord of Heaven and earth, because Thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent and hast revealed them unto babes.'

"May we not well exclaim with the prophet, 'Be astonished, O ye Heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid, be ye very desolate, said the Lord. For My people have committed two evils; they have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.'—Jer. 2-12, 13.

"They take away from us the Bread of Life and do not even give us a stone in its stead. But they offer us a fake Bible composed of the vapourings of the rationalists of Germany, France, Great Britain and North America, dressed up according to the so-called common sense of him who happens to be for the time its editor; a gold brick, where the alchemy of the critic has turned the fine gold of the Word into dross; a kaleidoscope of the scientific-new-light type, warranted, is scientifically handled, to give a nine days' wonder. Is it not an insult to the intelligence of a Christian community to say, 'There is no cause for alarm, we are improving and enlarging your Bible,' when at the same time they, with their infidel knife, are in the most cold-blooded fashion cutting and carving and removing from our most blessed Lord and Master so much that is as dear to us as our own lives, and are, and I say it with all reverence, leaving us in its stead a poor, lifeless skeleton. At all times this should be, and is, most repulsive to the true Christian, but especially at this blessed period when so many millions have been sorrowfully following our blessed Lord and Master to Calvary and the grave, and thence, with exultant songs, to the glorious resurrection Easter Day, crowning Him King of Kings and Lord of Lords, with our Hallelujah Anthem:

"Jesus Christ is risen today,
Our triumphant Holy Day;
Who did once upon the Cross
Suffer to redeem our loss."

"The Burial of an Ass."

"The epitaph on such a Higher Critic on cold, scientific lines might well be 'buried with the burial of an ass'; but in the spirit of our own beloved risen and ascended Lord let us rather say of all Higher Critics as they crucify afresh our Lord and Master, 'Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.'

"But, you will say, is this a fair sample of the conclusions of all Higher Critics? I do not think so. Higher criticism is a growth. Of these, as of all wanderers from the right, it may be truly said. Nemo repente fuit turpissimus.' But the difficulty is that no clear line of demarcation is drawn. The higher critical mill works day and night. Thousands of volumes are placed upon the market. Some bad. Some worse. There is no discrimination. If the less pronounced critics do not desire to be named with the irreverent infidelity of the worst of that school let them prepare an Index Expurgatorius and distribute it. Until this is done they can hardly blame the ordinary Christian for closing the door against all such literature and placing it in the same list.

"It may, however, be interesting to give a summary of the general result of the work that is being carried on by this school of thought, and I proceed to do this. So that no exception may be taken to the source from which the information is procured nor its nature I quote from a work of Professor John E. McFadyen, of Knox College. 'Old Testament Criticism and the Christian Church.' His work sets forth, in the first place, the apparently irreparable harm that is being wrought by Higher Criticism. With this alone I deal. After setting forth the poison he deals with, what I conceive to be, a totally insufficient antidote."

Prof. McFadyen a Higher Critic.

Quoting Professor McFadyen, he says: "Hundreds of men, we are told, have been made infidels by criticism. Ministers who have much to do with workingmen tell us that 'the lowered views of Scripture, and of its truthfulness, reliability, and Divine authority, that have become prevalent, are undermining the faith of many, multiplying sceptics every day, and rendering appeals to Scripture as the Word of the Lord less powerful and quickening than they were wont to be.'"

And then comments: "This is a terrible indictment for any man to make against Higher Criticism, and becomes the more deplorable when he himself remains, notwithstanding his testimony against it, a Higher Critic

"How horrible to think that one of the Higher Critics, still pursuing his criticisms, should himself present the immeasurable evil that is wrought among all, young and old, by their work. In how many forms do they raise the devil of doubt? They can easily raise it. But how few of those in whom it is raised will they bring back to a confidence in God's Word? **For it is to be observed that this is not the action of laymen, nor is it the demand of laymen, but it is the authorized ministers of our churches and teachers in our colleges who are spreading broadcast these seeds of unbelief. The experience of very many men who carfeully weigh their language and investigate these matters is, that for fifty people whose assent they procure to such teaching they do not win back one by their explanations.**

"Verily these men seek to steal away our birthright, but do not even give us a mess of pottage in return.

What May Result.

"The infidel attacks on the Bible in France led to this sacred volume being tied to the tail of a donkey and dragged through the streets of Paris, which so soon flowed with the blood shed in the terrible reign of terror that ensued as a judgment upon this unfortunate people. Looking at the aspect of matters in our own country today, it appears to me that the infidel attacks in our colleges made upon the Word of God may shake the foundation of law and order, and bring upon us a reign of lawlessness and anarchy that will be terrible to our children. If this teaching be admitted as correct, we shall have to close our Bible societies and Bible depots and cease the annual output of millions of copies of the Book, and have our missionary efforts all through the world paralyzed for want of that Word of the Living God, which is the basis of all our Christian work.

"May God in his goodness avert this catastrophe in our land.

Faithfully yours,
(Signed) S. H. Blake.

Toronto, Ont.

Lunatic Takes a Life.

Montreal, April 21—All Fay, four years old, who was hit on the head with an axe by a lunatic at Mystic, Que., died in the Royal Victoria hospital early today as a result of his injuries. The man who made the attack on the child always had been fond of children and although of unsound mind, had not been regarded as dangerous.

ANOTHER FRENZ SCENE IN W

James A. Patten is This to Nepture and C First He Sold H Option and Then Builed July—Brads Aids Him.

Chicago, Ill., April 2 of the closing gong, 400 tered, husky-voiced mer hurridly from the floor of trade today and we of refreshment, rest an They were the relics of in the wheat pit, which intensity quite surpass experienced there in quotations rose and fel in billows that no on track of James A. Pa tune of the pit, tossed a cock, and let the tore make merry to their h Then at the psychologic picked it up again and breakers. The quantit treasure he swept into he and his brokers kno enough to make a Capt in his grave.

In point of black an the number of Derbies broken, nervous force volume of sound produce tained by some veteran day's session set new re less of the Leiter deal number of dollars lost collected in one sum colossal fortune. There when the fray was at its the Patten influence d for a bubble, for the son that it was not exerte king sat back and let th When they reached a he bought and bought is also the way of the w Mr. Patten's new accu the July, September an futures, it is said on go amounted to several mil Earlier in the day at the prices, he had sold heavi

July Will Go U

At the close of the day the market would react a ly" would equal the hig by May. The bulls pl billows of wheat rolling with themselves in danger sion. The total of bushe on the board of trade are piled, but with today's bushels the volume of b one of the largest in its h July at $1.12 1-4, Patten heavy buyer of that futur not visit the floor, but his office, just across La and at the close of the looked as tired as some who had carried out his o pit. Besides the Patten gan and Bryan, Finley Ba pany, Pringle, Fitch & Ware & Leland & Clemen Company bought heavily prices. When the bears midst of their most excit new bomb was exploded, weekly report was of a de lish sort. It showed that visible supply of breadst creased 7,500,000 bushel week, compared with 2.3 els decrease for the c week in 1908. The visibl Europe decreased 3,508,000 compared with only 700,0 year ago. The visible su cago was shown at 6,627, against 7,157,000 a year ag

Corners a Criminal C

Springfield, Ill., April ling in grains, foodstuffs and bonds will be made a offence in a bill that G. H Quincy, will offer in the presentatives tomorrow. that will make corners provisions impossible, an vent the speculators fro for their profit and from price of bread and all c sities at their mercy. The sentative Wilson will off interfere with the legitim on the board of the stoc but it will make the pract and stock speculating in felony, with imprisonment tentiary from one to fo as a penalty for its violat comprehensive measure, specifically petroleum, co cereal, live stock, stoc shares in incorporate or in ated companies, securitie ties, breadstuffs and pro there is anything left out oversight of the man wh the bill.

Patten Has no Corner Sa

Chicago, April 20.—J. mour says: "Mr. Patten h ner in wheat and his deal future is not responsible in prices. The advance discounted a serious short ply. Congress, in my o never change the system in futures in grain. Its outweigh occasional abuse

Must Intervene in

St. Petersburg, April 2 of the prompt compliance with Russia's ultimatum day armistice be declare for the purpose of provid foreigners and non-comba felt that intervention in not long be postponed. ministry sent the war dep night an urgent request destined for the invasion. trated on the frontier wi ready to cross at a mom Cavalry which is now in Julfa will make a force Tabriz.

Calgary Gets a Che

Calgary, April 21—W. of Picton, Ont., appoint board of park commission expert, horticulturist and ent of parks, cemeteries yards, arrived in the city ing and reported to the ers for duty.